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providing a sleeve easily slidable onto and off of the arm, the sleeve encircling a substantial portion of the arm;

D1 carrying indicia by the sleeve, wherein the indicia is positioned for viewing by the person passing through the passageway when the arm is positioned therein.

Please cancel Claim 63. ✓

64. (Amended) A method according to Claim 62, further comprising placing the sleeve onto the arm for covering the indicia, the sleeve having at least a transparent portion for viewing the indicia therethrough.

D2 65. (Amended) A method according to Claim 62, further comprising:
providing a collar for removably securing the sleeve to the arm; and
securing the sleeve to the arm using the collar.

66. (Amended) A method according to Claim 62, further comprising providing a sheet for carrying the indicia thereon.

Please cancel Claim 67 – 85 and add new Claims 86 – 90 as follows: ✓

86. A method according to Claim 62, wherein the sleeve completely encircles the arm.

D3 87. A method according to Claim 62, further comprising:
sliding the sleeve onto the arm with the sleeve carrying a first indicia;
sliding the sleeve off of the arm; and

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sliding at least one of the sleeve and an alternate sleeve onto the arm, wherein a second indicia is carried thereby.

88. A method according to Claim 62, wherein the sleeve comprises a transparent portion, and wherein the indicia is carried within the sleeve for viewing the indicia therethrough.

89. A method according to Claim 62, wherein the sleeve comprises a tubular sleeve having an outside surface defined by a generally circular cross section.

90. A method according to Claim 89, wherein the indicia is fixedly attached to the sleeve.

Remarks

Applicants and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts and guidance in the examination of this application. In the above referenced Office Action, Claims 62-85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention, under obviousness type double patenting of U.S. Patent No. 5,430,974 in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,068,323 to Harrison et al., and under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Harrison '323. Independent Claim 62 and Claims 64 – 66 depending therefrom remain in the case and are herein amended to overcome these rejections. Claims 63 and 67 – 85 are cancelled. New Claims 86 – 90 are added by this amendment to more fully describe the invention and more clearly distinguish the claims invention over the teaching in the art.